

Apparatus For Washing Of Graphic Image Files

Abstract of the Disclosure

An apparatus for producing normalized (or "washed") graphic image files that have
5 a consistent file structure, the graphic image files thereafter being used to produce a
consistent print ready file structure. A source, or unprocessed, image file is first
converted into a vector-based medium file and stored. This vector-based medium
includes a PDF file format, with the conversion routine using Adobe Distiller for
producing PDF files. The vector-based medium file is thereafter retrieved and converted
10 into a consistently structured file, which can be used by a variety of applications
associated with a printing process. The consistent structure file includes PostScript, and
in particular ASCII Level 1 PostScript. The washing routine is intended to be performed
as an Prepress operation to creating the overlying print ready file, and can be automated
as needed. This Prepress operation can run on a farm service and managed by a master
15 farm server.